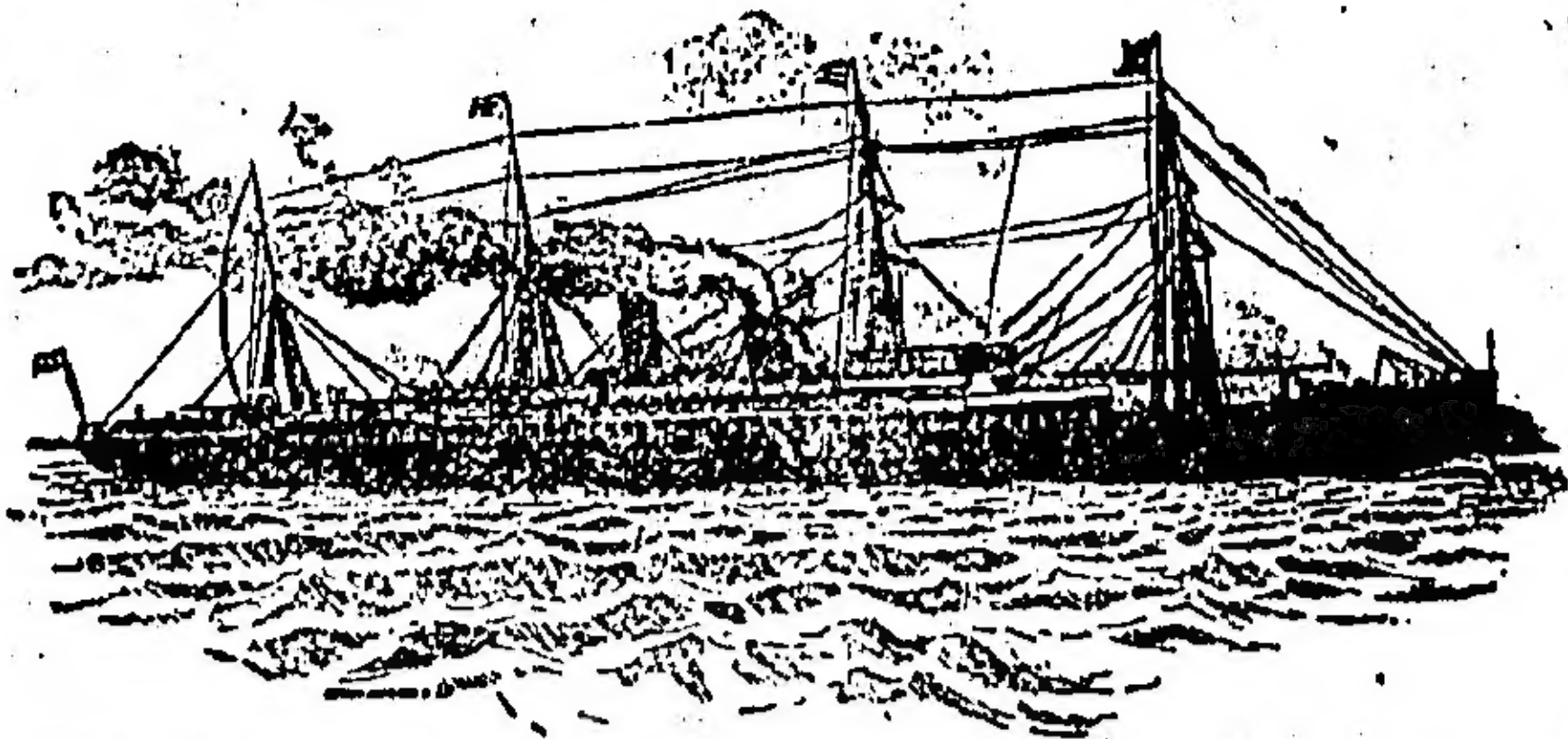






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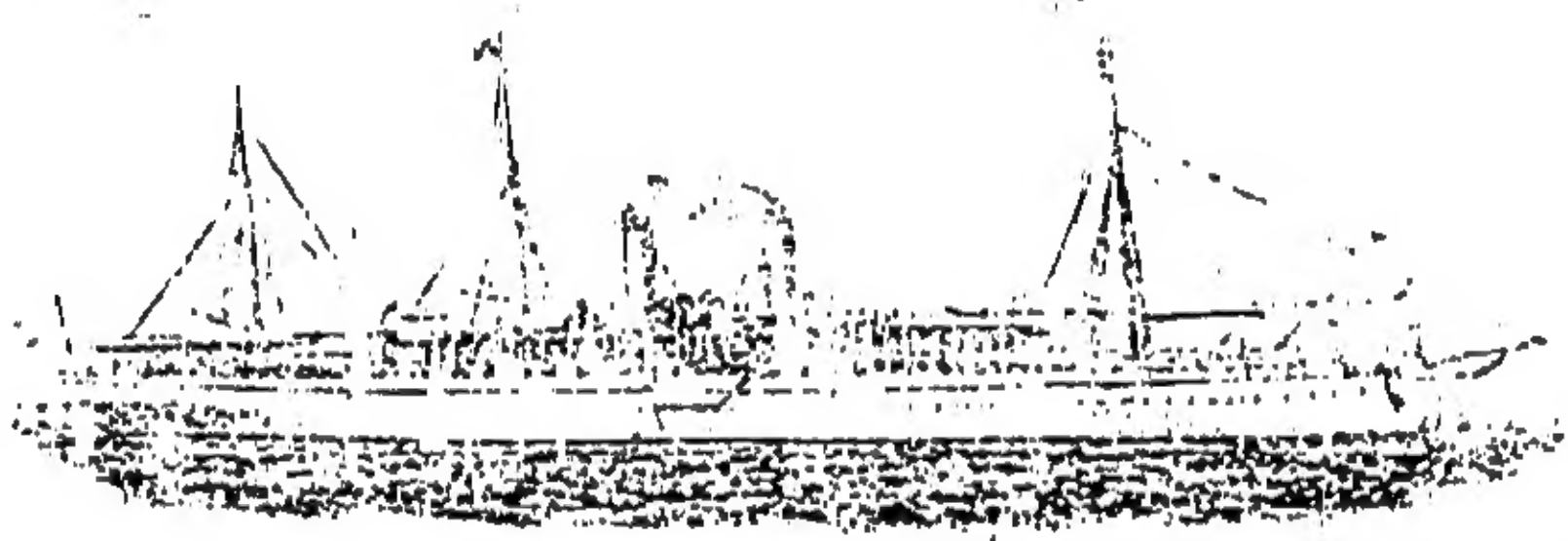
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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1904, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 21st January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1904, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 6th February, 1904, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Account and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, to SATURDAY, the 6th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the Appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd January to the 6th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date and until after the 25th FEBRUARY next HORSES and/or PONIES not entered for the FORTHCOMING RACES will not be allowed on the RACE or TRAINING COURSE between the Hours of 6 and 8 A.M.

Members may exercise unentered Horses or Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

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THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1904, at 11.45 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,

The West Point Building Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

A STEAM LAUNCH showing a Mast above Water lies sunk about 600 feet from Praya Wall, Kowloon. Time Ball bearing about North. A RED FLAG is displayed over her during Daylight and a RED LAMP at Night. The Obstruction will be removed as speedily as possible.

BASIL TAYLOR,

Acting Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904.

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## FRENCH CARICATURISTS AND CARICATURE.

It may be fairly questioned whether any phase of French art has developed to such an extent as caricature during the last half a century, says Mr. W. Roberts, in the *National Review*, in an entertaining account of the work of men like Monnier, Daumier, Mayeux, Gavarni, Forain, Gerbault, and many others. The article inter alia states:—

"English and French ideas of caricature, as we view them expressed in the illustrated papers of to-day, have very little in common, and it would be a waste of time to set up any sort of comparison. With us, however, the caricature is regarded as an occasional diversion; with the French it has become as essential as the daily newspaper. For every one in England who earns a reasonably good income as a caricaturist, there are probably at least a score in Paris who find the gift a profitable one. Many of them, as a matter of fact, keep luxurious establishments, and maintain motor-cars. Some of the earlier men found it difficult to make both ends meet. The French have a very keen sense of the ridiculous. To them nothing is sacred—life, death, eternity, the great problems of which mankind has been seeking the solution for thousands of years, and, failing in the attempt, afford food for the most ribald jest. The Pope is as frequently a target as the cabman, and Monsieur Loubet as the King of England."

"Curiously enough, personal caricature was popular in England before it obtained a serious footing in France. Hogarth, who was perhaps a satirist of manners rather than a caricaturist—the real difference between the two is a very fine one—indeed—had no alter ego across the channel. Champley, in his 'Histoire de la Caricature Moderne' candidly admits that 'le premier roi fut un Anglais, un homme puissamment organisé, un peintre et un moraliste, Hogarth, le véritable père de la caricature qui, ce jour-là, élevée par un grand artiste, put inscrire le nom de son initiateur à côté de ceux de Fielding et de Swift.' French personal caricature dates from the latter part of the eighteenth century, but it can hardly be said to have definitely established itself until the ignominious downfall of Charles X., for it was then that the French bourgeois first had a hand in governing the country. The craving of the bourgeois for administrative power was chastened by the caustic caricatures of a young man who held a minor post in a Government office—Henry Monnier, the father of modern French caricature, and one of its greatest and most versatile exponents. Born in 1802, and dying in 1877, Monnier was for half a century the relentless satirist of the little weaknesses of Parisian life; always kindly in his treatment of women when they came under his dissecting-knife, he had a rabid antipathy to the blue-stocking; a remorseless enemy of Louis Philippe, he would have achieved immortality by his one great creation alone—Monsieur Joseph Prudhomme, the quintessence of bourgeois self-satisfaction, a pompous, serene person, for ever perpetrating mixed metaphors in the firm belief that they were wit—in short, the French Podsnap. Monnier had at least two friendly rivals in his particular sphere. H. Daumier, who died in 1879 derived his inspiration from other sources. With him also, Louis Philippe was a bete noire; his 'Gros Cyprien, Val' and the four stages of the evolution of the king's head from a human resemblance to a juicy-looking pear have never been excelled in ferocity. Never was a monarch so cruelly caricatured. Daumier, like Monnier, created—or, rather, 'materialised'—a great character or type, Robert Macaire, a blending of Panurge, Sancho, and Falstaff. The third great creation of the period was C. J. Travies' Mayeux, 'le petit bossu,' who, like so many deformed men in real life—Alexander Pope, for example—was witty and brave. The French Mayeux is the type of a vain and licentious person, a cross between a man and a gorilla. One might dwell for pages on the characteristics of this worthy trio, and many more could easily be filled up with their brilliancies and paradoxes."

"What, it may be asked, is the modern French caricaturist's most popular subject? Probably the English as a nation would take an easy first. Indeed, the English have always been fair game to the French caricaturist. I possess a curious little book, without date, but published during the fifties of the nineteenth century, entitled 'Physiologie de L'Anglais à Paris,' with text by Charles Marchal and designs by Gavarni, Daumier, H. Monnier, Traveles, and Hippolyte Boillot. The tone of the little book is not at all vicious or vindictive only unflattering. The Englishman's passion for right-seeing, for eating, for huge packages of luggage, and many other traits, are all wittily satirised, in the text as well as in the illustrations. It is a far cry from the little 'Physiologie de L'Anglais à Paris' to Les Anglais Chez Nous, by Sancho, which appeared in January last, and of which the motto is 'Anglais, un monsieur qui gene les autres chez lui, mais qui ne se gene pas chez les autres.' There is, undeniably, much ground for many of the caricatures in this publication, and the artist has very cleverly caught—and exaggerated—the aspect of the average English tourist in Paris during the summer season—his magnificent self-complacency, his weakness for large check-pattern tweed suits, the inevitable pipe, but the huge hobnailed boots are a pleasant invention on the part of Sancho. The English matron and fille are cruelly pictured. But all these things please the French, and do not hurt us. If all French caricatures were as harmless, however biting, as these examples given by Mr. Roberts, we might not always like it, but we should have no just ground of complaint. At its best French caricature is inimitable at its worst it wrongs even the gutters in which it is sold."

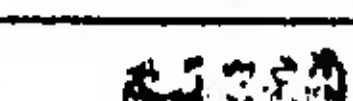
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**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1903. [15]

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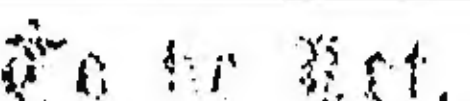
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THE Undersigned will Let by PUBLIC AUCTION,

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For Conditions of Sale, apply to—**HUGHES & HUGHES,** Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [148]



## TO LET.

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**SECRETARY, MASONIC HALL,** Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [151]

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FIRST and SECOND FLOORS of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite the GENERAL POST OFFICE, after MARCH 31st, 1904, at present occupied by Messrs. POWELL & CO. and the COSMOPOLITAN HOUSE. This House is especially suitable for people who are seeking places for Hotel purposes. Please apply to—

**YEE SANG FAT,** at the above Address, Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [153]

## Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMSHIP "WYNERIC" FROM PUGET SOUND.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

**DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,** Agents, Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [152]

**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "DORIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered by FRIDAY, the 23rd instant, at 10 A.M., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. **J. STUART THOMSON,** Acting Agent, Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [151]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SITHONIA," Captain Hildebrandt, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

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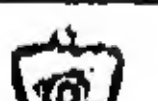
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No Fire Insurance has been effected. **HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,** Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [159]

## Masonic.



**EOTHEN MARK LODGE,** No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, 27th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 20th January, 1904. [150]

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## Intimations.

## THE ANGLO-CHINESE TRADE REVIEW.

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## Intimations.

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The Hongkong Telegraph  
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1904.

## CORNERED!

It is hardly necessary to insist on the extreme gravity of the news contained in the telegrams received to-day from our Correspondent in London, the content of which confirms and emphasises the important information wired us yesterday by our representative at Yokohama. The Government of Japan, deaf to Russia's machivellian promises and assurances of good-will—formulated by her statesmen with the evident object of gaining time and strengthening their position—has insisted on the acceptance by the Muscovite Nation of a solid treaty recognising the sovereignty of China in Manchuria and the integrity of Korea. By her admirable patience during several months of futile negotiations, Japan has secured the respect of the civilized world, and by her unflinching persistence in maintaining her just demands, notwithstanding Russia's alternating tergiversations, from honeyed promises to covert threats, she has secured the warm sympathy of the British Nation, her ally. Thanks to her moderation she has proved beyond dispute the evident bad faith of the big Northern Power, and by the steadfast purpose with which she has upheld her conditions she has driven the wily, evasive statesmen of that nation to their last alternatives. Russia is cornered. Either must she accept the irreducible minimum of the plucky, determined little Island Empire—who knows full well that all hope of her future success and commercial development, and perhaps her very existence as a nation, depends on staying for ever and for aye the continued encroachments of the Colossus—or she must appeal to war. It adds in no small measure to the gravity of the situation that the Powers have refused their mediation in event of Russia refusing to accept the terms that have been offered, and this also tends to prove that this nation thus loses a chance, she had most probably fostered, of obtaining her ends, thanks to some secret arrangement with a third Power, whom she would have proposed as an arbitrator. And now we learn that the firm attitude adopted by the Empire of Nihon is no longer restricted to the persistent request for the acceptance of her demands; for she has informed the Russian Government that any attempt to reinforce the Tzar's fleet in the East, by sending up vessels from the Baltic or from the Black Sea will be considered as tantamount to a *casus belli*. In so doing, Japan has shown that she refuses to be hoodwinked any longer by the repeated promises and suggestions, thanks to which her antagonist has been gaining time to complete her warlike preparations. We have had manifest proofs of late that the British Government has decided on offering a strong support to her friend and ally, and yet another reaches us through our contemporary, the *Strait Times*, who, on the 13th inst., was informed, by its London Correspondent, that the Indian Army Headquarters are quietly preparing for all eventualities, and could embark a considerable force at Calcutta within 48 hours' notice. It is not necessary to refer to our fleet; since we have kept the public of this Colony continually informed of the activity that have been going on here for some time past, and it can be said that the section of our elder Service at present in the Orient is "ready, aye, ready." Since this was in type, yet another wire has reached us from Japan, in which our Correspondent informs us that public indignation is rampant at the recent outrages on Japanese subjects by the Russian soldiers at Vladivostok, and that a demand for their protection has been formulated. The Government at Korea, it would seem, considers that war is already a *fait accompli*, since she has notified the Powers of her neutrality; and last and most important item, we are told that Baron Rosen and his staff are preparing to leave the Russian Legation at Tokio. Before Japan's stern attitude Russia may yet back out of an adventure for which she is manifestly unprepared. Indeed, this policy has nothing new to her, for in 1878 it was at the last hour only, and owing to the strong measures taken by our Government on the advice of the Prime Minister, the late Lord Beaconsfield,

that she withdrew her victorious armies from before Constantinople. But Russia must not wait too long. She has already let slip that phase in the crisis when she could have retired with dignity, and, thanks to her continued evasiveness, the situation has reached that psychological stage of extreme tension in the minds of nations when a mere incident will provoke a conflagration.

## THE STRAITS GOVERNORSHIP.

The definite announcement regarding the appointment of Sir John Anderson, K.C.M.G., to the Governorship of the Straits Settlements, in succession to Sir Frank A. Swettenham, K.C.M.G., will be read with interest by many of our readers. Sir John is at present one of the principal clerks in the Colonial Office at Downing Street, where he has been engaged since 1879. Two years previous to his entering the Civil Service he graduated at Aberdeen, and gained first-class honours in mathematics, besides being awarded a gold medal as the most distinguished graduate of the year. In 1887 he secured the Bacon scholarship, Grays Inn, and twelve months later held an Inns of Court studentship. November and December of 1891 found him engaged as joint commissioner with the late Sir J. F. Dickson, to inquire into certain matters connected with the registry of the Supreme Court of Gibraltar, and the year following Sir R. H. Meade appointed him as his private secretary. Subsequently he was attached to the staff of the British agent for the Behring Sea Arbitration in London and Paris. Having been promoted, in 1896, to a first-class clerkship in the Colonial Office, he was raised, a year later, to principal clerk, and the same month as the latter appointment, in June, he became secretary to the conference between Mr. Chamberlain and the Colonial Premiers. In 1899 he again visited Gibraltar, this time to inquire into the rates of pay in the Civil Service, and, in 1901, he had the honour of being appointed Colonial Office representative on the staff of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York, now the Prince of Wales, during his extended visit to the Colonies. Upon his return to England he was made secretary to the Colonial Conference and, now our London Correspondent cables the further distinction which will again bring him to the Straits waters. There he will have a most efficient staff under him, and one upon which His Majesty's Government has recently made large demands for the services of officers to act in important posts in different parts of the Empire.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H. M. S. *Leviathan* has gone to Weihaiwei.

THE German gunboat *Luchs* has left for Canton.

MR. Ng Hon Chi has been appointed a public vaccinator.

THE formerly British steamer *Firth of Beauty* is now called the *Koun Maru*.

INVITATIONS have been issued for a ball at Government House on the 3rd prox.

THE Appropriation Bill for 1904 (No. 17 of 1903) has been confirmed by the King.

P. S. D. McHARDY and W. Cameron have been gazetted inspectors of nuisances for Stanley and Kowloon City, respectively.

BETWEEN three and four inches of snow fell at Shanghai on 17th inst. between 3.30 and 8.30 a.m., but it soon thawed in the streets and was converted into mud.

PRELIMINARIES have been arranged between the French and Spanish Governments relative to a visit of the King of Spain to Paris, to take place probably in the spring.

THE Cotton Spinners' Union of Osaka, received on Jan. 4th a telegram from Bombay to the effect that spinners were reducing their output and some mills have stopped.

A FAST cruiser is being built in England to be used in preventing illegal fishing in Newfoundland waters, and also as a training ship on the Canadian naval reserve.

MR. Karl F. A. Harberg has been recognized, provisionally and pending the issue of an exequatur, as Consul-General for Sweden and Norway, to reside at Shanghai.

THERE is a growing dissatisfaction in the Transvaal at the extravagance of the Government. As an instance it is pointed out that education costs 12s. 6d. per child, as compared with 5s. in the Orange River Colony and 10d. at Cape Town.

THE Kaiser would be amused if he saw the caricature of himself in the *Nichi Nichi Shin-bun*. His Majesty is represented as the god of the wind, who blows over Europe the optimistic rumours of Russia's pacific purposes—that never materialize.

It has been telegraphed from London that the signature of the Franco-Spanish treaty is expected. The treaty confirms while it modifies the convention of 1902, provides for the recognition of Chaptal's and others' perfectly amicable relations between France and Spain.

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A BILL authorising the extension for two years of favoured treatment to Britain has been read a second time in the German Reichstag. Count Reventlow fiercely attacked Britain, declaring that she constantly broke treaties, and accused Australia and India of differentiating against German sugar.

THE draft of an ordinance is published in Pretoria regulating the introduction of Asiatic labour. It makes most careful provision for the inspection and repatriation of importees and their employment, solely in the mines. Finally, it expressly declares there is nothing therein which prevents the introduction of British Indians for employment on the railways.

SCIENTIFIC observation justifies the estimates that a daily average of 6,500,000 tons of water is received in the Dead Sea from the Jordan and other sources during the year. During the rainy season the amount is very much greater; during the dry season it is, of course, very much less, but this average will be maintained year after year. There is no outlet, and the level is kept down by evaporation only, which is very rapid, because of the intense heat, the dry atmosphere, and the dry winds.

A YOUNG woman named Gabrielle Bompard, who murdered a man named Gouffé for his money, and who was pardoned and released from prison, has behaved in an extraordinary manner under the hypnotic influence of Professor Liegeois. The seance was conducted in order to show that Bompard committed the murder under the influence of a man named Eyrud, whom she assisted in the murder of Gouffé. The subject re-acted the scene with horrible realism, although she was unconscious at the time.

THE latest telegraphic information, dated 17th inst. has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Matschiapny tot Mijne Bosch en Landbouweconomie in Langkat, S. D.:

Daily aggregate output of Crude Petroleum ..... 76,000  
Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date..... 200,000  
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Kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram ... 71,000  
Kerosene in Stock at Refinery at date 74,000

## TURF TOPICS.

As the race meeting draws nearer the attendance on the course during the gallops most decidedly grows larger, and to-day for the first time this season H.E. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., was an interested spectator. Indeed, the delightfully mild weather of this morning drew quite a crowd of

SPECTATORS, included amongst them, in addition to the Officer Administering the Government, being Mr. and Mrs. Hinds, Mr. and Mrs. Shellim, Mr. and Mrs. Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Grace, and the Misses Berkeley besides the usual group of owners, jockeys and various officials. I was sorry to see that the 'jolly' owner, Mr. J. H. Lewis, and the active rider, Mr. Johnstone, were absent, the former suffering from neuralgia and the latter from a throat affection. I almost omitted to mention the name of one of the very early worm catchers, Mr. Silas Sassoon, who has been a regular attendant at the rail side. He so outdoes everyone in punctuality that rumours were current this morning that he has a bed made up in the rooms of the Jockey Club. However, I will not vouch for the accuracy of the statement; but I know he is a keen sportsman and takes the greatest interest in the trials. I might almost add that he is a 'living encyclopedia' of the horses on the turf—at any rate, so far as regards the animals in Hongkong.

THE COURSE.  
For the sake of brevity I will refer to the inside course in these "notes" as "(i)," and will write of the outside course as "(o)." It is necessary to make the distinction in the interest of those who attach much weight in the record of times each morning in order to establish a comparison as to the improvement or the setting back in the performances made by the various animals to come under observation. The condition of the tracks this morning was distinctly in favour of the one within the inner rail, which was seen to be fast going, while the outer run was heavy and sticky. Such was the difference that it was expressed by those competent to judge that it would take quite six seconds more to complete the circle, galloping on the heavier track.

THE WALKERS.  
Before noting the times for the China ponies and subscription griffins I will give those noted down for the three crack walkers.  
Mr. Master's Remnant and Ichiban (o) galloped a mile together, the last 3/4 in 34, 1.05 1/2, 1.35 1/2.

Runaway Girl attracted a good deal of admiration when she practically "flew" over a half-mile in the wonderfully good time of 29 1/2, 57 1/2.

CHINA PONIES.  
Set was the first in training and covered three-quarter mile (o) in 35, 1.10, 1.45. Successively the following took the course:—Discord—1 1/2 mile (o)—first 3/4, 41, 1.22, 1.58, and the last 3/4, 35 1/2, 1.11, 1.44. One 1/2 mile escaped me.

Alcérine—1 1/2 mile (o)—last mile, 38, 1.16; 1.52, 2.44.  
Pandora's time was missed.

Rare Rose—1 mile (i)—last half 36, 1.09. Fun did a half-mile in 1.09.

Provost's mile registered 36, 1.21, 1.57, 2.31 1/2. Standard and Persistence galloped in company over one mile (o). Time: 34 1/2, 1.10, 1.52, 2.27 1/2.

True to his name, Mr. Babington's white Rocket shot through 1 1/2 mile in the fastest time yet reported in the training season: 33, 1.06, 1.35 1/2.

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1.47, 2.13, 2.41. This time is as good as a racing record, and it is safe to say that, were this excellent performance maintained, the German Cup is almost a certainty for him.  
Lord Algy and Bonzoline—1 mile (o)—38 1/2, 1.15 and 1.49.  
Modesty and "Baron" Gubay's young little pet—1 mile (i)—last 3/4, 1.10, 1.43.

Nurses and Totilla gave the public no chance of gauging their capabilities. The owner is satisfied of their sterling merits after what they have accomplished in Tientsin. Easy going quarters, more by way of constitutional, were covered this morning in 42 and 38.  
Vancouver—1 mile (o)—last 3/4, 37, 1.12, 1.45.  
Mr. Chatter's Fiscal—1 1/2 mile—37, 1.11, 1.45; 2.18, 2.50.

The Pall's pdd. Chuntaqua—1 mile—last 3/4, 33 1/2, 1.07 1/2, 1.44.  
Teetotum—1 1/2 mile (o)—last mile 32, 1.08, 1.45 1/2, 2.22.  
Tai Yut—1 mile (o)—39, 1.14, 1.50, 2.24. Going well and steadily.  
Northern Rose—1 1/2 mile—38, 1.13 1/2, 1.48, 2.24, 2.57.

Rajah and Rex, in company, one mile (o)—last half 36, 1.10.  
Mr. Craig's Derby griffin Quebec—1 mile (o)—37, 1.15, 1.51 1/2, 2.24.  
Mr. Macdonald's brown—one mile—last 3/4, 1.50.  
La France Rose—1 1/2 mile—38 1/2, 1.13, 1.48, 2.22, 2.53 1/2.

Marchal Niel Rose—1 1/2, 35 1/2, 1.09 1/2, 1.42.  
Messrs. Patterson and Dickson's—1 mile (o)—38, 1.14, 1.50 1/2, 2.25.  
Mr. Master sent out his crowd of four together. Half mile (o)—35 1/2, 1.14.

Mignonne Rose and Mr. Rutter's chestnut raced in company. I missed their time for the earlier quarters; last 3/4, 37 1/2, 1.13 1/2, 1.47.  
Zagloba—1 mile (o)—43, 1.21, 1.53.  
Sylph Rose—1 1/2 mile (i)—last mile, 34, 1.13 1/2, 1.47, 2.19 1/2.

Coronet Rose—1 1/2 mile—40, 1.18, 1.52, 2.27, 2.59.  
Emigrant and Manila—1 mile (o)—34, 1.10 1/2, 1.47 1/2, 2.22 (for Manila).  
Mr. Craig's (w.) covered one mile in 2.20.  
Thistle and Colonelist—one mile (o)—37, 1.13, 1.49, 2.26.  
Mr. Christman's two subs, in 1/2 mile 40 1/2, 1.05 1/2, 1.49.

I regret having omitted the times of many others that were in training this morning. But it is practically impossible to do full justice to one and all when galloping and cantering are going on simultaneously on the inner as well as on the outer course. For this sin of omission your readers and the ponies' owners will admit the reasonableness of the explanation.

## EARLY BIRD.

## MORE FIRES.

## A SERIOUS CONFLAGRATION.

The Fire Brigade was again about in the wee hours this morning, the alarm being given this time by an Indian constable on duty on the lower level. About 1.30 a.m., flames were perceived issuing from the top storey of No. 314 Des Voeux Road Central and, though the Brigade was quickly on the scene and a plentiful supply of water was to hand, the flames soon spread to the adjoining floors of No. 312, of the same thoroughfare, and No. 106 Wing Lok Street. The buildings are used as offices and store-rooms by a big Chinese firm, Messrs. Chiu Foo Lan, general merchants, who have branches in the coast ports and the Straits. Thanks to the efforts of the Brigade the conflagration was confined to the top-floors of the houses aforementioned, though at 5.30 a.m., when the flames had been completely mastered, they were completely gutted and the roof had fallen in. Inspector Baker was in charge of the firemen, and congratulations are due to him and his hard-worked staff for their promptitude and untiring efforts, thanks to which what might otherwise have been a most serious disaster in this densely populated district was undoubtedly averted. We are informed that the buildings were insured for a total of \$70,000, \$25,000 with the Royal Exchange, and an equal sum with the Lancashire, and \$20,000 with the Palatine. It is estimated that the damage will reach a total of about \$6,000.

## A CARELESS WASHERMAN.

At 9 o'clock this morning the alarm was again given and the Brigade turned out and proceeded with all dispatch to a house in Hollywood Road which was said to be in flames. On close examination it was found that the outbreak was restricted to a chimney flue and a couple of cross beams. Ignition was due to the iron stove pipe coming from the establishment of a washerman, which, having become red-hot, had heated the brickwork of a chimney wall, and the wooden girders, abutting on the same, had, after smouldering most probably for several days, taken fire. The embryonal conflagration was rapidly smothered, and it is to be trusted that the scared *démies* will profit by the fright and remonstrances he incurred through his carelessness.

## SHIPPING AND MAILS.

## MAILS DUE.

Australian (*Empire*) to-morrow.  
French (*Yarra*) 26th inst.  
Indian (*Kumsang*) 25th inst.  
Indian (*Suisang*) 3rd prox.  
American (*Siberia*) 4th prox.  
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 11th prox.  
American (*Coptic*) 12th prox.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Empress of China* left Yokohama p.m., on 22nd inst., for Victoria and Vancouver.

The C. & M. Co's s.s. *Zafiro* left Manila on 23rd inst., at 11 a.m., and is due here on Monday afternoon.

The N. Y. K. Co's *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Manila for this port on 23rd inst., a.m., and is expected to arrive here on 25th inst.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE

## THE CRISIS.

## GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION.

## JAPAN'S FIRM ATTITUDE.

## PROBABILITY OF RUPTURE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, 22nd January, 4.45 p.m.

According to information received by the *Westminster Gazette*, the position of affairs in relation to the Russo-Japanese crisis is once again considered serious.

Japan adheres to her insistence

on the Chinese sovereignty of Manchuria being inserted in a treaty, instead of the condition being embodied in a circular note.

## NO MEDIATION.

The same paper is informed that the other Powers decline to mediate in the dispute between the Government of the Tzar and the Eastern Island Kingdom.

## TERMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

If Russia's reply to the stipulations demanded by Japan be unfavourable, it is believed that negotiations will probably be prolonged, at the utmost, for another fortnight.

Japan would consider any attempt on the part of Russia to move her Baltic and Black Sea fleets Eastwards as a hostile action. In that event it is regarded as a certainty that open rupture would resolve itself into a question but of a few hours.

## OUTRAGES AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

## INDIGNATION IN JAPAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

YOKOHAMA, 23rd January, 1.10 p.m.

The Japanese Press is expressing violent indignation at the recent outrages by Russian soldiers at Vladivostok, in which two Japanese were killed and several severely injured. Urgent appeals are being made to the Government to afford immediate protection to its subjects in Russian territory.

## KOREAN DECLARATION OF NEUTRALITY.

It is expected that the Government at Seoul, believing that hostilities are imminent, has notified the Powers of her neutrality.

## ROSEN PREPARING TO LEAVE.

The occupants of the Russian Legation at Tok'o are making active preparations to leave the country at a moment's notice. Packing is going on apace, and all documents of secondary importance have been burned.

## RUSSIAN SPIES SHADOWED.

It is announced that important arrests of Russian spies are pending in Tokio.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## THE STRAITS GOVERNOR-SHIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, 22nd January,  
8.35 p.m.

It is officially announced that Sir John Anderson, K.C.M.G., of the Colonial Office, has been appointed to succeed Sir F. A. Swettenham, K.C.M.G., as Governor of the Straits Settlements.

(Reuter's.)

## Movement of War Vessels.

LONDON, 21st January.

The transport *Orel* (Russian) has left Suez. The Japanese cruiser *Kasuga* has arrived at Aden and leaves for Colombo at once.

## The Mission to Tibet.

Various reports are arriving at Darjeeling stating that the Tibetans are becoming truculent, and that the Lamas declare they will appeal to Russia if the British advance continues. It is believed in several quarters that fighting is likely to take place in the early future.

LATER.

## Russia and Japan.

RUSSIA CONCILIATORY.

It is stated, on high diplomatic authority that an important advance has been made towards a pacific settlement and that the peace party has gained the ascendancy in Russia in consequence of the emphatic representations of certain influential Ministers regarding Russia's unpreparedness for war. Russia, therefore, replies to Japan in a wholly conciliatory spirit, stating that she is prepared to recognise the autonomy and integrity of Korea and to address a Note to the Powers recognising Chinese sovereignty and the integrity of Manchuria. Japan, however, desires a formal embodiment of the latter principle in a special arrangement between Russia and Japan.

(V. C. D. News.)

## The Crisis.

RUSSIA'S APOLOGIA.

Tokio, 16th January.

Russia has communicated to the Powers, including Japan, her view of the respective treaty rights of the two countries in Manchuria.

## The Legation Guards in Korea.

Tokio, 16th January.

Sixty-four American marines with three officers arrived at Seoul yesterday. The American guard now numbers one hundred. A French detachment is expected to follow.

(Japan Mail.)

## Russian Vessels at Port Arthur.

Shimonoseki, 8th January.

The steamer *Eiko Maru*, just in from China, has brought news that the Russian vessels now anchoring at Port Arthur consist of eight battleships, five cruisers, thirty-one gun-boats, and a few Volunteer ships, and that war preparations continue apace.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

## THE ACTION OF AMERICA MAKING AN IMPRESSION.

Berlin, 15th January.

It must be admitted, as showing the success of the last Japanese Note, that concessions in the Manchurian question are now expected from Russia. The Tsar had a prolonged conversation yesterday at the New Year's reception in St. Petersburg with the Japanese Minister, during which he expressed his firm belief that peace would be maintained. Apparently the joint action of the United States and Japan in the Manchurian question is making an impression on Russia. The *Koishie Zetsu* eulogizes the strong self-respect which Japan has observed during all negotiations without deviating from a calm politeness. The correctness of a statement of the *Matin*, according to which France and Great Britain are pressing Japan, is doubted here.

Berlin, 16th January.

M. Ignatius, the Secretary of M. Delcassé, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, states in the *Figaro* that the pressure of France has done much in Tokyo as well as in St. Petersburg to secure a greater calmness. The *Edclair* asserts that both Great Britain and France strongly urged the Japanese Government before the penultimate Russian Note to continue the negotiations. The exceedingly peaceful remarks made yesterday by the Tsar are confirmed by official Russian publications. It is now expected that Admiral Alexieff will very soon be called to St. Petersburg.

## Prussian Diet.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

H.M. the Kaiser to-day personally opened the Prussian Diet. The speech from the Throne states that the financial situation in Prussia is very favourable. Thanks to the general economical betterment the income and the expenses are balanced. The speech further announces a bill for the building of a new canal, which will pass through the territory between the Rhine and Hanover. The waterways in Silesia will be much improved. The Government now expects that an understanding about the building of canals will be arrived at.

## THE RACE MEETING.

Following are the entries in the under mentioned races to be run on 23rd and 24th prox., respectively:—

THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.—Value \$300. Second to receive \$100; and Third \$50. For China ponies, subscription griffin of this season 1903-1904. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Half a Mile.

- 1—Mr. A. V. Apear's b. Manila
- 2—Mr. Armand's c. Modesty
- 3—Mr. A. Babington's w. Rocket
- 4—Do. c. Turbine
- 5—Mr. E. A. Bonnet's c. Union
- 6—Mr. Buxey's g. Matchless Niel Rose
- 7—Do. c. Syph Rose
- 8—Do. g. Mignonne Rose
- 9—Do. b. Link Rose
- 10—Mr. Canada's br. Tai Yat
- 11—Mr. Darius' blk. Eclip c
- 12—Do. skd. Talbot
- 13—Do. c. Sirius
- 14—Mr. W. Domnich's g. Kid
- 15—Mr. Hart Buck's phd. Herschel II
- 16—Do. g. Good-bye
- 17—Mr. E. H. Hind's mbl. gr. Bonzoline
- 18—Do. g. Hazard
- 19—Mr. F. S. Joseph's g. Bunder
- 20—Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's d. Teletum
- 21—Mr. J. H. Lewis's d. Mongoose
- 22—Do. w. Alarm
- 23—Mr. Lola's w. Colonist
- 24—Do. g. Emigrant
- 25—Mr. D. Macdonald's g. The Provost
- 26—Do. br. The Elder
- 27—Mr. G. B. Macdonald's p. Go Bang
- 28—Mr. F. B. Marshall's w. Disclosure
- 29—Mr. Godfrey Master's d. Dunagayne
- 30—Do. c. Mince Pie
- 31—Do. blk. Neddy
- 32—Mr. Medley's g. Culex
- 33—Mr. Meifoo's d. Standard
- 34—Mr. E. W. Mitchell's g. Lord Alay
- 35—Capt. Nugent & Mr. Dowding's skd. Snark
- 36—Mr. Paul's c. Fiscal
- 37—Mr. John Peel's c. Havers
- 38—Do. l. g. Ca Cauny
- 39—Mr. R. A. G's w. Sperr
- 40—Major Radcliffe's br. Arranagague
- 41—Do. g. Mabokilbi
- 42—Mr. C. H. Ross's d. Ben Roy
- 43—The Pals phd. Chumtaka
- 44—Do. g. Casejagua
- 45—Messrs. Veitch & Hunter's g. Glenmarkie
- 46—Do. c. Zagloba
- 47—Do. b. Thibet
- 48—Mr. Wheelwright's b. Fair Trade
- 49—Do. b. Retaliation

THE CHALLENGE CUP.—Value One hundred guineas. For China ponies. A forced entry of six each, but optional to China ponies, subscription griffin of this or previous seasons. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a pony in points the *band file* p.o.-eiv of the same owner or owner. Winner to receive \$1,000 and 70 per cent. second \$100 and 20 per cent. and third \$50 and 10 per cent. of the entrance fees until the Cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive 75 per cent. and third pony 25 per cent. of the entrance fees. One mile and three quarters.

- 1—Mr. Buxey's c. Rare Rose
- 2—Do. br. Northern Rose (late The Dandy)
- 3—Do. cr. La France Rose
- 4—Do. g. Coronet Rose
- 5—Do. br. Liberty Rose
- 6—Mr. Cleugh's blk. The Crow
- 7—Mr. Fernando's g. Discard
- 8—Mr. E. Goetz's rn. Narses
- 9—Do. spd. rn. Totila
- 10—Mr. J. Scott Harston's c. Videlicet
- 11—Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's g. Chietlain
- 12—Do. b. Yoroshi
- 13—Mr. Kanuck's g. Once More
- 14—Mr. J. H. Lewis's w. Muscatel
- 15—Do. c. Aladdin
- 16—Do. c. Regret
- 17—Mr. F. B. Marshall's c. Daybreak
- 18—Do. b. Discovery
- 19—Do. d. Disgust
- 20—Mr. Godfrey Master's d. Dormouse
- 21—Mr. Paul's c. Fiscal
- 22—Mr. John Peel's mbl. g. Rex
- 23—Do. c. Royal
- 24—Do. c. Set
- 25—Do. spd. w. Polka
- 26—Do. l. g. Rajah
- 27—Mr. G. H. Potts' br. Pandur
- 28—Do. c. Rebel King
- 29—Mr. Simpson's w. Thistle
- 30—The Pals' g. Huron (late Teaboy)
- 31—Do. g. Sioux (late Primo)
- 32—Mr. Wheelwright's g. Protection
- 33—Mr. Wingard's c. Quebec
- 34—Do. rn. Algerine
- 35—Do. g. Vancouvier
- 36—Messrs. Wingard & Cies' g. Doris Castle

## STAMP REVENUE 1903.

A comparative table of stamp revenue for the years 1902 and 1903, respectively, is published in the *Gazette* and is as follows:—

Description.	Revenue in 1902.	Revenue in 1903.
Bank Note Duty .....	\$131,053.99	\$154,738.15
Embossed Stamps .....	16,716.74	16,716.74
Impressed do. ....	328,894.37	148,375.51
Postage do. ....	53,212.96	32,059.40
Telegraph Forms .....	20.00	18.75
Emigration Fees .....	305.00	448.00
Medical Declaration ..	15.00	15.00
do. Registration .....	25.00	75.00
Bill of Health .....	3,717.02	7,500.00
Court Fee .....	0.25	0.25
Total .....	\$517,238.48	\$516,356.55

The total decrease for the year 1903, after deducting increases, is therefore \$881.93.

## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, 22nd January.

## THE VICEROY.

Placards have been posted in the city accusing the Viceroy of extortion and several other crimes. These placards show the growing feeling of dislike towards this official, but such great things were expected of him when he was appointed that this reaction is not unnatural. He has had a difficult task, and that it is not yet mastered is not altogether his fault. He has worked hard. Of course, he wanted lots of money, and when you are constantly calling for money the best of friends grows cold.

## FIRE.

A large fire occurred on Tuesday night in the eastern part of the city. It is estimated that over one hundred houses and stores were destroyed.

## ANTI-MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

IN HEUNG SHAN DISTRICT.

We have just heard that there is an anti-missionary movement in the Heung Shan district, at the village of Taam Chau. Placards have been posted offering a reward for the killing of any foreigner. The guild which has issued this claims to have the sanction of the Heung Shan magistrate. A reward of \$200 will be paid for killing a foreigner and \$50 for a native Christian. The Berlin mission has a chapel in Taam Chau and the placard urges the people to tear down the chapel and drive out the Christians.

## NORTHERN NOTES.

The *Japan Mail* says that it is reported that the personnel of the Military Council recently instituted by Imperial Ordinance will be as follows:—

- Field-Marshal Marquis Yamagata.
- Field-Marshal Marquis Oyama.
- Admiral Yamamoto, Minister of the Navy.
- Lieut.-General Terauchi, Minister of War.
- Admiral Viscount Ito.
- Admiral Count Kabayama.
- Admiral Baron Inouye.
- General Count Nozu.
- General Baron Kuroki.
- General Baron Oku.
- Lieut.-General Baron Kodama.
- Rear-Admiral Iijima.

It is reported that the costly breakwater made by Russia at Port Arthur has caused the harbour to freeze.

There has been a great increase in Japanese life insurance applications chiefly from naval and military men.

The local foreign community at Shanghai are stated by the *Jiji* to be greatly alarmed lest the Russian cruisers *Djigit* and *Mandjour* should attack the Japanese merchant vessels.

The report that Japan has bought from the Argentine four more cruisers like the *Kasuga* is groundless, the Argentine having no such cruisers to sell.

According to the *Asahi*, the Nippon Shosen Kaisha has purchased the British steamer *Glengary* through Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Yokohama, for yen 150,000. The gross tonnage is 3,033 tons.

The censorship in Japan extends to all foreign as well as native newspapers, and to all telegrams for abroad. Telegrams for home papers from their correspondents have already been stopped in Tokio.

The Japanese Marine Insurance Cos. are raising their rates, in view of the situation.

On the 12th inst., so it is reported, there was a rush of business at Birkenhead as to shipment of cargoes to the Far East. Four of Holt's liners left that day with full cargoes, leaving so much "shut out" cargo that the Company had to charter another large steamer to take it away. It is stated that the Indian Army headquarters is quietly preparing for all eventualities, and could embark a considerable force at Calcutta within 48 hours' notice.—*Straits Times*.

## THE ADMIRALTY PREPARED.

Inquiries made in Naval circles at Portsmouth prove that the Admiralty have been for some months preparing for eventualities in the Far East. Officially it is denied that there is any unwelcome activity, and on the face of it there does not appear to be any in the dockyard. There is no reason to fear, however, that we are unprepared, says a paper just to hand from home. The Cruiser Squadron has presumably gone to the West Indies, but that no important fighting division of modern cruisers will, it is believed, be found at the right place when it should be required. Another significant fact is that, instead of Christmas leave being given in the ordinary way to the Home Fleet to include Christmas Day and New Year's Day in the two watches, both watches will have completed their leave by Christmas Day, and the Fleet will be in or about the Channel. There is nothing unusual in the Home Fleet remaining in home waters, for since the Fashoda scare it has always been the rule that either the Channel or the Home Fleet should be there. At the present there is no warship about to leave for the Far East, though both the Commander-in-Chief of the China and East Indies Stations, and possibly the Australian Station too, have no doubt their secret orders. During the past few months our fleet in Chinese waters has been strengthened, and the ships' complements brought up to full strength. The two Chilean cruisers, *Libertad* and *Constitution* (*Triumph* and *Swiftsure*), which were recently purchased, could both be prepared for the prompt within a comparatively short time, if necessary.

## WAR INSURANCE IN SINGAPORE.

The insurance against war risks is extraordinarily brisk in Singapore at present. Inquiries are being received from all sorts and conditions of people regarding the rate on goods shipped in neutral bottoms. The average rate from Singapore to Kobe and Yokohama, for cargo carried in a steamer approved by the insurance agent, would be, perhaps, 1 or 2 per cent. for goods that are not likely to become contraband of war, shipped on Japanese merchantmen, the rate would probably be five per cent. And the same rate would prevail in the case of Russian vessels proceeding westward. But agents in Singapore are chary of this business; unless the parties insuring are well known and the goods to be insured are of an approved character, the vessel satisfactory and the master of good repute, the agents will generally express their polite regret that they are not in that line of business.

Comparatively little insurance is done in the Japanese steamers moving westward. If it is done at all it is done in Japan. But so far as foreign merchants are concerned they have generally given instructions to their agents to send goods by neutral lines so that there may be no complications in the case of an outbreak of war. It may be remarked that the insurance agents and underwriters in Singapore are firmly convinced that war will be declared—the question is by whom?—*Straits Times*.

## SARAWAK IN 1903.

The following retrospect of the past year appears in the *Sarawak Gazette*—

The year financially has been a prosperous one and speaking generally the condition of the country is prosperous, but some Dyak troubles in the far interior are still in existence.

So far as finance and trade are concerned the revenue should show a marked increase, mostly accounted for by the high price obtained for pepper during the latter part of the year and the Customs Duties should exceed those of 1902 by some \$30,000. The Currency question has also been brought to an issue during the year and, although the worst possible effects of the change made by the Straits Settlements have been avoided, the future causes some little anxiety.

The year has been a record one as regards pepper. Numbers of new gardens have been opened and the vines in many recently planted gardens have come into bearing. The total export of black and white pepper has, we believe, reached the amount of 60,000 piculs. When we consider the pepper and gold industries, the sago manufacture and generally the volume of the commerce of the State, the comparison recently made between the progress made here and in a neighbouring country is hardly understandable. The Chinese population is steadily increasing year by year, a sure sign that substantial progress is being made.

The shipping facilities have undergone some change during the year. The old Steamship Company, at considerably loss have succeeded in beating the new one off the run. But the new company effected one purpose, and that was to prove that two steamers were required for the trade. We are aware that this statement may cause shareholders to smile in their present dividendless state, but for those who can afford to wait the prospect should not be gloomy. We have noted the recent launch of the s.s. *Alice Lorraine* which, when completed, will be a welcome addition to our coasting steamers. A new hull has arrived into which the engines of the s. l. *Young Harry* will be put and this launch should soon be ready for use.

Turning to coal we can only repeat our remarks of last year. Broketon has a fair output, but costs money; while Sadong costs money and has a very poor output.

No big works have been carried out in Public Works during the year. The Blacksmith's and Datu's Roads are completed and progress has been made with the Matang Road. An excellent building has been erected for the new school and that institution is now working with success. Soundings and surveys have been made for the proposed bridge across the Sarawak River and a new bridge has been erected on the Puak Road. We hear that the Kuching survey is now complete and finished plans are in course of construction.

Cholera again appeared, but otherwise the general health has been good and the cholera was not so bad as in 1902.

His Highness the Rajah and His Highness the Rajah Muda both left for England in July.

## OUR ORIENTAL EMPIRE.

Some proposals for a commercial policy for our Oriental Empire were laid before the Central Asian society by General E. F. Chapman, at a recent meeting presided over by Sir Alfred Lyall, and attended by Sir Lepel Griffin, Mr. Moon, M.P., Sir T. H. Holdich, and Sir Edwin Colclough, among others. He urged first the adoption of a settled policy for our Oriental Empire, based on the recognition and assertion of sea power between Aden and Hongkong, and secondly, the extension of the Indian railway system to adjoining countries, and the adoption of a forward commercial policy, throwing back the advance of Russian commerce.

Another point upon which he laid stress was the development of India as the manufacturing base of our trade commodities, shortening the lines of advance, by which he thought we might recover markets that have been lost. The Government, he considered, should give such security to shipping and to trading interests as may promote initiative amongst our traders, a Government guarantee being sufficient to ensure the flow of capital to Persia and to India from England. These aims should lead to the military policy which controls the action of the Indian army being based upon sea power instead of, as at present, being governed by the fear of Russia moving by way of Afghanistan.

Such a change would, in his opinion, ensure the ability of India to embark a sufficient force to support our alliance with Japan, and give a reason, beyond that of the defence of India, for maintaining the European portion of the army in India in its present high state of efficiency.

## COMMERCIAL.

## WEEKLY SHARE REPORTS.

Advices dated from Shanghai on 18th inst. report business done:—North Chinas at Tls. 222. Shanghai Tugs at Tls. 49 "ord" and Tls. 45 "pref." Indo-Chinas at Tls. 53/52 for April. Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 123 cash, Tls. 124 for January, and Tls. 125 for March. Maatschappij at Tls. 302/295 cash, Tls. 300/297/300 for January, Tls. 310/307/305 for March, and Tls. 312 for April. Centrals at 25 1/2.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state in their circular, dated yesterday:—There has been slightly more inquiry during the week, but business still continues very restricted.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, has advertised its seventy-fifth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders for the 6th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 23rd instant to the 6th proximo, both days inclusive.

The twentieth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held on the 6th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 3rd to 6th proximo, inclusive.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank have improved their position and are in demand at \$645. The London quotation is \$64 10/16. Nationals continue firm at \$35. The report and accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903, show a gross profit, including \$15,613.80 brought forward from the previous year, of \$291,885.87. After deducting all charges, allowing for bad and doubtful debts and writing \$5,000 off furniture account, there remains a divisible balance of \$164,744.80, which the directors propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a Dividend of \$2 per share (in London 3/6) absorbing \$80,906, place \$60,000 to reserve and carry forward \$21,668.80.

Marine Insurances.—We have heard of no transactions and quotations remain as last reported. There are sellers of Unions at \$490 and China Traders at \$56. Cantons are quiet at \$175. North Chinas and Yangtzes are still quoted at Tls. 69 and \$135 respectively.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires have been placed and are still inquired for at \$300. China Fires have again been done at \$92 1/2. We hear the company will show a very good report and that the dividend will be increased to \$7.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are offering at \$31. Indo-Chinas have been in some demand and close at \$72 1/2. In Shanghai business has been done at Tls. 51. China and Manilas are reported sold at \$16. Douglas Steamships remain unchanged at \$30 at which figure shares are wanted. There is nothing doing in Star Fernies and rates are unaltered at \$30 (old) and \$19 (new). Shell Transports have been the medium of some business at \$1 2/4 and \$1 1/4. In Shanghai Tugs, business has been transacted at Tls. 50 for the ordinary and at Tls. 46 for the preference shares. Taku Tugs are procurable in Tientsin at Tls. 36.

Refineries.—China Sugars have ruled slightly weaker, but shares can probably be placed at \$102.

Mining.—Nothing has transpired in stocks under this head.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been negotiated to a large extent at \$208 and close in request at \$209. Farnhams have reacted slightly and sales at Tls. 123 have taken place. Kowloon Wharfs are to be had at \$95. Hongkew Wharfs have experienced a further decline from Tls. 214 to Tls. 177, at which lower rate shares have been parted with. Amoy Docks are without business at \$38.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been bought at \$157. According to the directors' report the net profits on working for the year 1903, including \$51,707.26 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges amount to \$437,470.23. From this amount an interim dividend of \$6 per share was paid on the 28th July, 1903, leaving a balance of \$137,470.23 to which is to be added \$250,000 transferred from equalization of dividend fund, making a total of \$387,470.23 available for appropriation, as follows:—directors' fees, \$7,500.00; Managing Directors' fees, \$27,000.00; auditors' fees, \$1,000.00; final dividend of \$6 per share, absorbing \$300,000; balance to be carried forward to new account, \$51,966.63.

Shanghai Lands have advanced to Tls. 109 and sales have been effected at the price. Kowloon Lands are inquired for at \$15 ex the dividend of \$2.60 paid on the 21st instant. West Points have risen to \$56 and are in request. It is proposed to pay a final dividend of \$1.70 making a total dividend for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1903, of \$3.20 per share. Hongkong Hotels are in the market at \$147. Humphreys' Estate remain at \$14 1/2. China Providents have been disposed of at \$9 ex the dividend of 80 cents paid on the 18th instant.

Cotton Mills.—No business reported; closing quotations are:—Ewos Tls. 32 sellers; Internationals, Tls. 35 buyers; Laou-Kung-Mows, Tls. 37 steady; Soy-chees, Tls. 170 nominal; Hongkong Cottons, \$15 1/2 buyers.

Cigar Companies.—Sumatras continue in strong request at Tls. 53. There is nothing doing in the other stocks.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements, after sales at 25 1/2, have receded to \$25 at which latter rate shares are wanted. A. S. Watsons have been dealt in at \$14 1/2 and Watkins at \$7 1/2. Electric old have found buyers at \$12 1/2; the new shares are steady at \$7. Geo. Fenwicks have been sold at \$50. William Powells are wanted at \$940. Ices are obtainable at the reduced rate of \$240. Langkats have depreciated and shares have been disposed of at Tls. 295.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.  
London—Bank T.T. .... 1/9 1/2  
Do. demand ..... 1/9 1/2  
Do. 4 months' sight ..... 1/9 1/2  
France—Bank T.T. .... 2/25  
America—Bank T.T. .... 43 1/2  
Germany—Bank T.T. .... 18 1/2  
India T.T. .... 132 1/2  
Do. demand ..... 133  
Shanghai—Bank T.T. .... 71 1/2  
Japan—Bank T.T. .... 89  
Singapore—Bank T.T. .... Nominal  
Java—Bank T.T. .... 108

Buying.  
4 months' sight L/C ..... 1/9 15/16  
6 months' sight L/C ..... 1/10 1/16  
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York 44 1/2  
4 months' sight do. .... 44 1/2  
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne 1/10 3/16  
4 months' sight France ..... 2/29  
6 months' sight do. .... 2/30  
4 months' sight Germany ..... 1/8 1/2  
Bar Silver ..... 25 13 1/16  
Bank of England rate ..... 4 %

## OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—  
Malwa New ..... @ 920/960  
" Last Year ..... @ 980/1,040  
" Oldest ..... @ 1,060/1,100  
" Aina New ..... @ 1,200  
Benares New ..... @ 1,200  
Punjab (Paper) ..... @ 900/940

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Benares New ..... @ 1,200  
Punjab (Paper) ..... @ 900/940

## To-day's Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,  
on  
MONDAY, the 25th January, 1904,  
at 11 A.M.,  
at their  
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road,  
(Corner of Ice House Street),  
SUNDAY

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
Comprising:—  
SILK TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAW-  
ING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD BOOK-  
CASES, MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND  
AND TOILET TABLE with REVELED  
GLASS, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with  
REVELED GLASS, CARPETS, SINGLE  
and DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEADS with  
WIRE MATTRESSES, PICTURES, GLASS  
and CROCKERY WARE, COOKING  
STOVES and UTENSILS, &c., &c.;  
ALSO  
Three SEWING MACHINES.  
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1904. [169]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN,  
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship  
"GERA,"  
of the Norddeutscher Lloyd,  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby







## Shipping.

**Arrivals.**  
Indravelli, Br. s.s., 3,351, Craven, 22nd Jan.,  
Portland, Or. 18th Dec. Gen.—P. & A. S.  
S. Co.  
Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 678, Ulderup, 22nd Jan.,  
Touane 19th Jan. Coals and Rice.—J. &  
Co.  
Koun Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,783, Minamikawa, 22nd  
Jan.,—Mojji 17th Jan. Coal.—Chinese.  
Albion, H.M.S. battleship, 12,955, Jerram, 22nd  
Jan.,—from Pacific.  
Hong Bee, Br. s.s., 2,056, Peters, 22nd Jan.,  
Singapore via Hoihow 21st Jan. Gen.—  
Chinese.  
Clara Jeben, Ger. s.s., 1,222, Dendixen, 22nd  
Jan.,—Haiphong 20th Jan. Rice and Gen.  
—J. & Co.  
Gera, Ger. s.s., 3,765, Pahl, 23rd Jan.,—Ham-  
burg 10th Dec. and Singapore 17th Jan.,  
Mails and Gen.—M. & Co.  
Deuteros, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Frabm, 23rd Jan.,  
Wuhu 18th Jan., Rice and Ground-nuts—  
S. & Co.  
Woosung, Br. s.s., 1,109, Dowson, 23rd Jan.,  
Shanghai 19th Jan. Gen.—B. & S.  
Kwangtsh, Ch. s.s., 1,536, Lunt, 23rd Jan.,  
Canton 22nd Jan. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.  
Oscar II, Norw. s.s., 2,000, Olsen, 23rd Jan.,  
Kutchinotzu 17th Jan. Coal.—M. B. K.  
Maria Valerie, Aust. s.s., 2,643, Berberovich,  
23rd Jan.,—Shanghai 19th Jan. Ballast—  
S. W. & Co.

## Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Hongkong, for Canton.  
Daijin Maru, for Swatow.  
San Cheong, for Canton.  
Michael Jensen, for Hoihow.  
Mathilde, for Canton.  
Anping Maru, for Swatow.  
Deuteros, for Canton.  
Woosung, for Canton.  
Tatyuan, for Thursday Island.  
Jalunga, for Amoy.  
Shini Maru, for Kobe.  
Wingchei, for Macao.  
Kwongchow, for Canton.  
Hoi Ho, for Canton.  
Tatsang, for Shanghai.  
Chan On, for Wuchow.

## Departures.

Jan. 23.  
Leviathan, H.M.S. battleship, for Wei-hai-wei.  
Sikhoni, for Shanghai.  
Jalunga, for Canton.  
Gera, for Shanghai, &c.  
Tatyuan, for Australian Ports.  
Woosung, for Swatow.  
Rubi, for Manila.  
Tatsang, for Shanghai.  
Lucht, German gunboat, for Canton.  
Woosung, for Canton.

## Passengers arrived.

Per Hong Bee, from Singapore, &c.—387  
Chinese.  
Per Gera, for Hongkong from Genoa—Mr.  
and Mrs. J. Zundel, Mr. Spunell, and Miss  
Louise Colburn. From Southampton—Mrs.  
Ram's amah, Mr. Robertson's amah, Mr. F.  
Olsen, and Mrs. Fyne's amah. From Naples—  
Mr. F. Wanders. From Singapore—Mr. and  
Mrs. A. Heng, Messrs Chan Kien San and  
servants, Heng Kuo Uo and servants, Ernst  
Fiegl, Inspector Howard and 2 servants, Mr.  
and Mrs. Oyam, and Mr. Ferguson.

## Passengers departed.

Per Rubi, for Manila—Messrs. D. E. Gra-  
ham, C. N. Paulson, Joan Jose Gohri, Frank  
Fair, P. H. Gullkins, Mrs. O. Thomas,  
Messrs. O. Quinton, T. Calner, S. T. C. Cal-  
ner, T. Liskin, D. Pysby, D. Cheir, S. C. Coy,  
L. B. Coy, W. B. Mann, C. J. C. Coy, L. S.  
Crowley, C. J. Cory, Chas. Cacey, S. C. Cacey,  
G. Chuneit, Vug Gunt, T. Lennor, S. Kanner,  
Fred. Coy, G. Chevit, Charlie Chong, L.  
Tylog, F. C. Ruan, C. C. C. Dalmacio Kiplin,  
S. Crosby, S. C. Ruan, T. F. Choe, S. C. Suits,  
T. Charles, R. Kit, Pedro Donato, Jiocon, C.  
S. Jiocon, P. Jiocon, Carlos Titocoy, Canicrio  
Quintin, C. Klunby, L. Guion and Francisco  
Chuey.

## Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Empire	Manila	G. L. & Co.	Jan. 24
Luhian	Mojji	C. C. Co., Ltd.	Jan. 24
Zafiro	Manila	S. T. & Co.	Jan. 25
Kumano Maru	Manila	N. Y. K.	Jan. 25
Yarra	Singapore	M. M. & Co.	Jan. 26
Kumsang	Singapore	N. Y. K.	Jan. 26
Tamba Maru	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Jan. 26
Socotra	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Jan. 26
Moyone	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Jan. 28
Suisang	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Feb. 3
Indrapura	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Feb. 3
Siberia	San Francisco	M. C. Co.	Feb. 4
Tacoma	Victoria	N. P. Co.	Feb. 11
Coptic	San Francisco	O. & C. Co.	Feb. 12

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.	
H.M.S. Robin	at Kowloon Dock.
Paul Bean	"
Bjorn	"
Germania	"
Ellen Rickmers	"
U.S.A.T. Lisum	"
Perla	"
Kansu	"
Tartar	"
H.I.G.M.S. Moewe	"
H.M.S. Glory	"
Vigilant	"
Chibbi	Cosmopolitan
Triton	"
C. Hardouin	"
Macbew	"
Dorothea Rickmers	"
Rein	Aberdeen

## Shipping Reports.

Str. Mari Valerie from Shanghai.—Fine  
weather, moderate monsoon.  
Str. Hong Bee from Singapore.—Fresh N.  
to N.E. monsoon and moderate sea as far as  
Hoihow, thence moderate wind and clear.

## Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—29th December—Merionethshire,  
Bengloe, Snetra, Monmouthshire, Chinkun,  
Geri, Konigsberg, and January—Arctilia,  
Hilachi Maru, Yarra, Moyone. 6th January  
—Andalusia, Glauco, Indramayo, Volgo. 9th  
January—Bamberg, Borneo 13th January  
—Formosa, Silesta, (Aus.) Indrawadi, Seydlitz,  
Fuine, Linan, Salfordia. 16th January—  
Australia, Indos Maru, Eidvold, Menell.  
20th January—Sumbia.

Homeward—13th January—Kawachi Maru.  
16th January—Achilles, Konig Albert, Mar-  
burg.

Arrivals at Home—2nd January—Saxonia,  
Tantulus, Freiburg. 6th January—Sydney,  
Sado Maru. 9th January—Briskuel, Ning-  
chow, Polyphemus. 13th January—Antenor,  
Kurdistan, Armand Behl. 16th January—  
Prinz Heinrich. 20th January—Glenshiel,  
Seneca, Hyson, Suevia.

## Vessels in Port.

STEAMERS.  
An Pho, Br. s.s., 902, Kynoch, 21st Jan.,  
Saigon 16th Jan. Rice.—B. & Co.  
Anping Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,053, Goto, 21st Jan.,  
Fochow via Amoy and Swatow 19th Jan.,  
Gen.—O. S. K.  
Athenian, Br. s.s., 2,440, Robinson, 13th Jan.,  
—Vancouver, B.C. 14th Dec., and Shang-  
hai 10th Jan. Flour and Gen.—C. P. R.  
Co.  
Charles Hardeuin, Fr. s.s., 876, Laurage, 15th  
Jan.,—Nantes 15th Nov., and Singapore  
3rd Jan. Ballast.—M. M.  
Chibbi, Br. s.s., 1,142, Tuebben, 16th Jan.,  
—Canton 16th Jan. Gen.—B. & S.  
Claverburn, Br. s.s., 2,358, Parker, 18th Jan.,  
Dec.,—New York 27th Oct., Case Oil—  
S. O. Co.  
Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,576, Ogata, 22nd Jan.,  
—Tamsui 19th Jan. Amoy 13th, and  
Swatow 21st, Gen.—O. S. K.  
Director Arthur Barty, Ger. s.s., 1,36, Edler, 7th  
Jan.,—Emden Germany 21 Oct., Ballast.  
—J. & Co.  
Doric, Br. s.s., 4,975, Smith, R.N.R., 19th Jan.,  
—San Francisco and Shanghai 16th Jan.,  
Mails and Gen.—O. S. S. Co.  
Dorothea Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Schaefer,  
13th Jan.,—Bangkok 4th Jan., Rice.—  
Order.

Edendale, Br. s.s., 771, Moss, 21st Jan.,  
—Southampton 9th Jan. Sugar.—A. R. M.  
Enma, Ger. s.s., 1,651, Ziegenmeyer, 19th Jan.,  
—Hamburg and Singapore 8th Jan., Gen.  
and Sugar.—S. W. & Co.  
Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,003, Marshall, 19th  
Jan.,—Vancouver 28th Dec. and Shanghai  
17th Jan. Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.  
Iyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,918, Curran, 17th Jan.,  
—Shanghai 14th Jan. Gen.—N. Y. K.  
Lightning, Br. s.s., 2,122, Spence, 20th Jan.,  
—Calcutta 31st Dec. Penang and Singapore  
13th Jan. Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ltd.  
Lisum, Am. transport, 1,072, Healey, 16th  
Jan.,—Manila 13th Jan., Ballast.—U. S.  
Govt.  
Lousok, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Leuss, 21st Jan.,  
—Bangkok and Angkor 13th Jan., Rice—  
B. & S.  
Lyria, Ger. s.s., 1,315, Porcelens, 5th Jan.,  
—Hamburg 22nd Nov., Marine Stores.—H.  
A. L.  
M. S. Dollar, Br. s.s., 4,216, Gow, 11th Jan.,  
—Mojji 6th Jan. Coal.—S. T. & Co.  
Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 710, Uldrup, 22nd  
Jan.,—Haiphong 18th Jan., and Hoihow  
20th, Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.  
Mongkut, Ger. s.s., 850, Gotsche, 21st Jan.,  
—Bangkok 13th Jan., Rice.—M. & Co.  
Quarta, Ger. s.s., 1,146, Johannes, 20th Dec.,  
—Mauritius 4th Dec. Sugar.—S. W. & Co.  
Rein, Norw. s.s., 725, Olsen, 17th Jan.,  
—Bangkok 7th Jan., Rice.—Kin Tye Long.  
Robilla Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,399, Bent, 21st Jan.,  
—Manila 19th Jan. Gen.—T. K. K.  
Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,425, Evans, 16th Dec.,  
—Vancouver 16th Nov. and Shanghai 13th  
Dec. Gen.—C. P. R. Co.  
Thales, Br. s.s., 819, Robson, 22nd Jan.,  
—Fochow 19th Jan. Amoy 20th, and  
Swatow 21st, Gen.—D. L. & Co.  
Triton, Ger. s.s., 1,033, Krafft, 15th Jan.,  
—Saigon 10th Jan. Gen.—S. & Co.  
Tsinan, Br. s.s., 2,302, Lindberg, 22nd Jan.,  
—Manila 19th Jan. Gen.—B. & S.  
Tsurugisan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,559, Narasaki,  
2nd Jan.,—Kutchinotzu 27th Dec. Coal—  
M. B. K.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria,  
(B.C.) and Seattle, (U.S.A.)—Per Iyo Maru,  
26th Jan., 3 P.M.  
Yokohama and Kobe—Per C. Ferd. Loebe,  
26th Jan., 4 P.M.  
Canton—Per Honam, 26th Jan., 5 P.M.  
Canton—Per Kinsang, 27th Jan., 7:30 A.M.  
Manila—Per Rohilla Maru, 27th Jan., 10 A.M.  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Athenian,  
27th Jan., 11 A.M.  
Manila—Per Kinsang, 27th Jan., 3 P.M.  
Canton—Per Yuensang, 27th Jan., 3 P.M.  
Canton—Per Powan, 27th Jan., 5 P.M.  
Canton—Per Honam, 28th Jan., 7:30 A.M.  
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,  
Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and  
Melbourne—Per Anhui, 28th Jan., 3 P.M.  
Canton—Per Kinsang, 28th Jan., 5 P.M.  
Canton—Per Powan, 29th Jan., 7:30 A.M.  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Honolulu and San Francisco—Per Doris, 29th  
Jan., 11 A.M.  
Iloilo, Cebu and Sandakan—Per Hunan,  
29th Jan., 3 P.M.  
Canton—Per Fatsang, 29th Jan., 5 P.M.  
Manila—Per Kinsang, 30th Jan., 3 A.M.  
Canton—Per Anhui, 30th Jan., 9 A.M.  
Canton—Per Honam, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.  
Europe, S. C. India, via Taitoum—Per  
Sackten, 3rd Feb. 11 A.M.  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of  
India, 10th Feb., 11 A.M.

Books containing stamps of the following  
denominations may be obtained at the counter  
of General Post Office for \$1.00 each.  
16 stamps at 4 cents.  
12 " " 2 " "  
12 " " 1 " "

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,  
acting Director of the Hongkong Observa-  
tory.  
On the 23rd at 11.10 a.m. The barometer  
has risen slightly over N. China and S. Japan.  
The anticyclone is central over N. China  
and pressure remains low to the NE. of Japan.  
Gradients continue moderate to rather steep,  
with very strong monsoon in the Formosa  
Channel and the China Seas.  
Forecast—fresh NE. winds; fine.

	Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.	Jan. 23 at 10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer	30.30	30.17	
Temperature	57	58	
Humidity	47	57	
Rainfall	—	—	

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Bar.	Th.	Hu.	Wind	Wr.
Vladivostok	7 a.m.	—	—	—	—
Yemuro	6 a.m.	29.49	—	NW 10	—
Hakodate	—	29.74	—	NW 6	—
Kobe	—	30.02	—	N 6	—
Kochi	—	30.19	—	N 2	—
Nagasaki	—	30.35	—	N 4	—
Kagoshima	—	30.35	—	NW 4	—
Oshima	—	30.35	—	NW 4	—
Naha	—	30.35	—	NW 4	—
Ishigakijima	—	30.35	—	NW 4	—
Taihou	5 a.m.	30.27	—	E 6	—
Taichu	—	30.29	—	—	—
Fainan	—	30.17	—	N 2	—
Koshun	—	30.13	—	NE 8	—
Pescadore	—	30.20	—	NE 10	—
Weihaiwei	9 a.m.	30.57	20	N 1	3 by
Gulafai	—	30.51	40	N 1	3 by
Sharp Peak	—	30.37	40	NW 1	3 by
Amoy	6.30 a.m.	30.33	51	NW 1	3 by
Swatow	9 a.m.	30.37	59	E 2	3 by
Can. O.	—	30.37	59	E 2	3 by
Hongkong	10 a.m.	30.27	59	E 2	3 by
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	E 3	—
Gap Rock	—	30.25	—	ENE 4	—
Macao	—	30.26	59	NNE 1	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	29.96	81	76	0
Bacolod	9 a.m.	—	—	NNE 5	b
Iloilo	—	29.89	80	NNE 2	b
Cebu	—	29.92	84	N 2	b
C. St. James	10 a.m.	—	—	—	—

## VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

	THOMAS
Berrain, C. F.	Howk, A.
Bow, O.	Juan Jose Gohri
Chow, J. L.	Keeble, Geo.
Chow, How Wai	Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs.
Condy, Mr. C. and 2	M.
children	Muary, Mr. & Mrs. H.
Crego, Mr.	Roberts, Capt. W.
Fisher, H. L.	Simpson, Capt. F.
Gibson, J. S.	Smith, J.
Gilbes, J. S.	Ting Chuk Nar
Henry, G.	Whaley, Mr.
Hough, Dr.	Young, L. C.

## Occidental.

	Occidental.
Akehurst, C. A.	Pezare, Lieut. T.
Burdett, Mrs. F. D.	Pittwitt, A. V.
Chandler, Lt. F.	Renwald, Capt.
Dickinson, Mr. and	Rienappel, R.
Mrs. J.	Schittachnesdes, Mr.
Ger. ad. Capt. J. C.	Schlechtweg, Gustav
Gibson, Dr.	Skerchly, Mrs. & child
Kevi, Dr. F.	Stapfeldt, M.
Liddell, Mr. and Mrs.	Stephens, H.
Lopez, Amaro	Walters, S.
Lundor, J. H.	Wienhmann, Paul
North, H. S.	Wilkinson, K.

## Kowloon.

	Kowloon.
Bennie, J.	Lightfoot, S.
Brabazon, P. A.	Richie, Mr. and Mrs.
Clark, Lieut. T. F.	and child
Coralewski, Lieut.	Speakes, Major

## HONGKONG.

Abbott, Mrs. S. H.  
Anderson, Mr.  
Balle, G.  
Barrett, H.  
Bennett, F. I.  
Black, Mr. and Mrs.  
Blehr, T. B.  
Bozgan, Mr. & Mrs. R.  
Boucher, Mr. and Mrs.  
Bonner, E. A.  
Northwick, Mrs. R. W.  
Brown, W. S.  
Huck, Hart  
Clark, W. G.  
Colson, F. S.  
Coulson, C. H.  
Cowden, Mrs. A. R.  
Dalgleish, Mrs. E.  
Davies, Mrs. J. T.  
Deacon, F. B.  
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STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8=\$18 for half- year ending 30.6.1903	\$650
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 8	3 1/4 = \$1.06 for 1902	\$35 b.
Do.	\$ 1	Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8=\$18 for half- year ending 30.6.1903	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of Cton, Ltd.	\$ 100	32 per cent = \$32 per share for 1902	\$490 a.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 1/2 = \$1. for year ended 30.4.1903	\$15 b.
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902	\$15. 69
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 1/2 = \$12 for 1901	\$135
anton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	30 1/2 = \$15 per share for 1902	\$175 a.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	32 1/2 per share for 1901	\$300 sa. & b.
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	20 per share for 1901	\$24 a.
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$14 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$31
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	5 1/2 = 10/- per share for 1902	\$72
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 1/2 = \$5 per share for 1902	\$125 sa. & b.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$30 b.
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1.20 = 12% for year ending 30.6.1903	\$30
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	60 cts. } 30.4.03	\$19
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902	\$1 1/2 sa.
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Limited	\$ 50	Interim of 2% for 1903	\$1. 36 a.
Do. Preference	\$ 50	Interim of 4% = Tls. 2.00	Tls. 50 sa.
Do.	\$ 50	Interim of 3 1/4 = Tls. 1.75	Tls. 46 sa.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903	\$103
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10 a.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5% = Tls. 2 1/4 for year ending 30.6.03	Tls. 52 1/2 a.
MINING.			
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None	\$1 a.
Societe Francaise des Char- bonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903	\$600 a.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$6 a.
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